



MINUTES

**Regular Commission Meeting
The Maritime Museum of San Diego – on The Berkeley
1492 North Harbor Drive, San Diego CA 92101
Friday, November 21, 2008**

Commissioners Present

Colette Carson-Royston, Chair	Lewis Klein
Claire Anderson	Judy McDonald
Garet Clark	Victoria Reed
Courtney Ann Coyle	Sharletta Richardson
Robert Gleason	Randy Robbins
Joanne Hayakawa	John Venekamp

Commissioners Absent

Dea Hurston
Bennett Peji
Lorin Stewart

Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:35 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting. Colette thanked Mark Mantijo, Vice President of Operations for the Maritime Museum of San Diego for hosting the meeting. Mr. Mantijo welcomed the Commissioners and gave a briefing on the museum's events and activities.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2008 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture with a change to the minutes under the Advocacy Advisory Committee Update – correction: Robert Gleason clarified that Council President Scott Peter's proposal amending the Municipal Code would require that, of the ***four cents*** (not "three" as recorded in minutes) of the City's 10 ½ cent TOT levy that must be used solely for the purposes of promoting the City, one cent be specifically designated for promoting arts and culture. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Announcements

1. Introduce new Commissioners - Colette welcomed new Commissioners Sharletta Richardson and John Venekamp.

2. FY09 Budget Update – Colette gave an update on the recent budget cuts recommended by Mayor Sanders to the City Council. She announced that the Commission has been slated to cut one staff position and \$30,000 from the Public Art Fund, with no cuts anticipated for the funded arts and culture organizations. She also announced that Council President Peters has offered his allocation funding to continue the staff position through the end of the fiscal year. She reported that another City Council Budget meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008, starting at 1:00 p.m. and that Commissioners and representatives from the arts community are encouraged to attend to show their support. Colette distributed two reports from the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition: 1) *San Diego Arts and Culture Brief: The Economic Impact of Arts and Culture* and, 2) *2008 Local, State & National Election Briefing*.

3. Approve FY10 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Program Panel Recommendations – Claire Anderson **made a motion** to approve the FY10 CCSD panel recommendations. Judy McDonald seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

C. 20th Anniversary Update - Colette reported on the La Jolla Music Society's 40th Anniversary Season Gala to be held on November 22, 2008, honoring the Commission's 20th Anniversary and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Victoria Hamilton announced that a webinar held on November 20, 2008 included Americans for the Arts Government Affairs staff who provided a briefing on the outcome of the election at the federal and state levels. The webinar also included a review of possible cultural policy changes led by President-elect Barack Obama, the newly-elected members of Congress and changes in state leadership and ballot initiatives. She announced that another webinar, "Excellence in Arts Education and How to Achieve It", scheduled for December 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. will be held at the San Diego County Office of Education.

Victoria distributed a report, "After the Fires Fund – Support to Professional Artists Grant Recommendations". She gave a brief overview of the report that stated that a \$20,000 grant from Americans for the Arts (\$5,000 used to conduct research and file a survey report) along with the San Diego Foundation allocation of \$50,000 made \$65,000 available to assist 21 artists, who lost equipment and tools in the October 2007 fires.

1. Update on the Organizational Support (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Review Process – Victoria reported that 34 long-form and 17 short-form OSP applications were received. Victoria said that the OSP panel orientation was held on November 3, 2008 and the CCSD panel orientation will be held on December 3, 2008. She also reported that the OSP and CCSD appeals hearing will be held at the March 20, 2009 Commission meeting. She distributed a calendar of important upcoming Commission and panel meetings.

B. Balboa Park 2015 Celebration Topic Discussion

Victoria gave a brief update on the outreach strategy and timeline for the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration and continued the topic discussion to the December 19, 2008 Commission meeting.

IV. POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Courtney Ann Coyle reported that the Policy and Executive Committees have recommended approval of the changes to the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Dana Springs gave an overview of the revisions that were made to update the Rules and Regulations and make them consistent with the Municipal Code. Randy Robbins **made a motion** to approve the revised Rules and Regulations. Claire Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

V. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Art Updates

Randy Robbins reported that an eight-member jury of design professionals selected by the San Diego Architectural Foundation awarded an Orchid to artist Neal Bociek's 10 "Landsailers" sculptures on utility boxes in Pacific Beach and La Jolla, but it also gave the Commission an Onion for the project. Jurors felt the Commission was "misdirecting" talent for a "mundane purpose."

Randy stated that conservation on the City-owned mural "Journey to Aztlan" will occur between December 8 through 19, 2008. The mural is located on the north and south side of Harbor Drive, in front of the San Diego Convention Center. The conservation is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and a donation from the San Diego Convention Center.

Courtney Ann Coyle reported that she and Commissioners Randy Robbins and Victoria Reed sent a letter, dated November 7, 2008, to the City Council giving input towards the criteria and qualities needed when selecting the two new Port Commissioners. She said the City Council met on November 10, 2008 and reappointed Commissioner Laurie Black and appointed City Council President Scott Peters to the San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners.

Courtney also reported that a Public Art newsletter is now available on the Unified Port of San Diego website: <http://www.portofsandiego.org/public-art.html>.

VI. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Council President Scott Peters' Proposal - Robert Gleason gave a brief overview of a possible restructuring of Council President Scott Peter's proposal requiring that one cent of the TOT levy be designated for promoting arts and culture. He discussed the complications in making the original proposal a reality based on the current City budget shortfalls and the need to restructure the proposal to fit into the current fiscal climate while trying to secure arts funding for the future.

VII. VISIBILITY UPDATE

A. Commission Meeting Schedule

Claire Anderson announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 2008, at The Westgate Hotel in the Riviera Room, 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. She would appreciate the Commissioners input/suggestions for future Commission meeting locations.

B. Goodwill Visits Report Out

Garet Clark reported on the two goodwill visits that he completed: 1) San Diego Actors Alliance and 2) AjA Project at Crawford High School that he attended with another Commissioner Dea Hurston.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Sandra Ainslie, AjA Project.
2. Dalouge Smith, San Diego Youth Symphony and Chair of the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition.

XIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

GUESTS:

Sandra Ainslie
Dalouge Smith
Rebecca Rader